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To the Editor of the Times.

the 12th inst., an article in the *Monte
Herald* in reference to the mail steam-
vessels between Liverpool and North Amer-
ica, and its influence on the Canadian tra-
de. I shall feel obliged for space in your pa-
per, briefly to refer to the same subject.

which at present is exciting great attention in Canada, and cannot be matter of indifference to the Government and people of this country.

The question is, shall the trade of Canada and the Western States of America flow through American channels of communication between the ocean and the interior, or shall that trade pass through Canadian channels? I shall attempt to show that, by the present large white-

the British Government for the ocean service to Halifax, Boston and New York while no aid whatever is given to the ocean steamers by the St. Lawrence, a great

jury is inflicted on Canada, and an influence thereby created, which tends powerfully to attract and has attracted trade to the Atlantic ports of the United States.

only in Canada, but in all parts of United States, in less time through route of the St. Lawrence during the period of navigation, and in winter to D

land until St. John's, New Brunswick
Halifax, is connected to Maine by
a way.
That I may be better understood,

the position of Canada, in relation to question, more clearly defined. I will state that after the repeal of the differential duties in 1846, in favour of colonial agricultural products, Canada had

advantage in the markets of Britain
the United States, or any other for
country, and it soon became evident
the trade which had been forced to China

and Montreal through the influence of differential duties could not be retained unless the cost of transport from the interior of Canada and the States to Britain was less than the cost of transport from the States to Britain.

That Canada was not prepared for
contest with the adjoining States in 1

erred that in that year and for some years before, both Boston and New York were connected by various lines of railway to Lake Erie and Buffalo, while at the

time the only railway then existing in British America was 14 miles in Lower Canada. The Canals of New York connect the Lakes Ontario and Erie with the

The North American royal mail steamers were established in 1829, and in

ran fortnightly to Halifax and Boston. The same steamers now form a weekly line to Halifax and Boston, and direct to New York, at an annual cost to the British Government of £100,000.

ernment of £185,000 sterling; but in
instance are the mails or freight de-
for Canada landed at Halifax, but at
Boston or New York, and are carried
their destination through the

The Government of the United States subsidize an American line of steamships at an annual cost of \$855,000, and maintain

Such were the disadvantages under which Canada had to enter competition with her intelligent and active neighbors, without railroads, her canals

governments paying together a sum exceeding £350,000 per annum as a subsidy to steamships. It is therefore not surprising that trade should have been attracted

from the St. Lawrence route, to which aid has been extended, and to American Atlantic ports, and that freight should be less by the one route than the other.

actual results are in perfect agreement with the circumstances. The imports and exports of the Western States, and of Western Canada have vastly increased since 1816, but the imports and exports of the Eastern States have not.

St. Lawrence in 1855 were not greater than in 1845. The average cost of a barrel of flour in the nine years ending 1854 from New York to Liverpool was 2

while the average cost from Montreal for the same period was 3.10¢, or 180 per cent higher by the one route than the other.

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long mourn over her position, and it
be acknowledged, I think that the in-

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ve late Sir Robert Peel was inaugurated
I far out-weighed all the advantages a

After 1847, public works of various kinds necessary to enable Canada to compete for the interior trade

es, commenced, and have been vigorously
for consistently pushed forth. I say begin-
cause the position which Boston and
si- York occupied in 1846, in reference

railways will only be achieved by C. in October next, when Quebec will be connected by railroad with the Upper Provinces and the net-work of railways in the United States as far south as New Orleans.

navigation for the largest class of vessels
sea has been rendered practicable as
Montreal, a point 100 miles nearer t

terior than any other point on the coast. Light-houses have been built on the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and a line of steam vessels has been established. The annual cost to the Province of \$2

for a fortnightly line to the St. Law-
for seven months, and for five months
Portland—the Atlantic terminus of
Great Western Railway. This line

America is required. It is manifestly unjust to the British Provinces generally, and particularly unfair to Canada, to have them remain as at present. To the Canadians it is a matter of the most vital importance. They have invested upwards of £10,000,000 sterling in canals, railroads, &c., upon the value of which (as I think I have shown) the subsidy as now given for the ocean mail service to North America, has a direct bearing. The Canadians ask for nothing which will not promote the general and commercial interests of this country—they have difficulties of some magnitude to surmount in contending with their American neighbours; but they are in no way afraid, or shrink from the contest. As they ask is fair play, and that the mother country in her arrangements for the Imperial postal service, shall inflict no injury, it is not in her power to afford her assist-

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TRAIN THROWN OFF THE TRACK BY MOOSE.—When the off lumber train, C.T.R.R., some twenty cars, for Clark McCall's Mills, Thursday evening, he reached some five miles beyond Island Point the cars were thrown from the track repeatedly and squarely, but with no loss of life or damage to persons, so far as we have learned. On looking for the cause of the accident, it was found that the train had struck and run over a noble moose, which in company with one of its kind, was trying a race on the track. The one farthest advance escaped, and by the foot-print visible was found to have left the track some rods beyond the point where it met his death. The sufferer was a noble moose, and was found to weigh some hundred pounds. It is the first time, so far as we have been advised, that this swift and majestic denizen of the Northern woods has been overtaken by a railway train. The deceased is doubt made great time his race for deer life, but steven was too much for him.—*Portland Advertiser.*

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The steamer *Niagara* arrived with Liverpool dates of 27th ult. at five p.m. on her way for Boston, at 12 o'clock, this evening. The *Niagara* left Liverpool on the 25th. Crews were then quoted for money—

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Halifax affairs continue to excite no particular interest beyond the intention to send a fleet to Naples. Nothing definite has transpired.

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The international free trade congress is being in session at Brussels. The subjects of discussion were classified under 14 heads:

- 1st.—An explanation of custom tariff duties for the next 10 years, with their duties.
- 2nd.—The obstacles which obstruct international commercial relations.
- 3rd.—The means proposed to remove the obstacles.
- 4th.—The objections offered to custom tariff duties.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Lord Hardinge, late Commander-in-Chief of the army, is dead. His age 71.

At a meeting of the Sanitary Director of the India Company, Mr. Lowry said that the annexation of Oude was a profitable act of spoliation. The annexation

The Gazette publishes the treaty between Great Britain and Spain. By it, British subjects may trade freely with all the ports of Spain, but only in the month of August.

FRANCE.
The Emperor and family are making the most of the final enjoyment of their life, including the final flight.
The Bank of France has raised its rate of interest to 5 per cent.
The President of the Council of Ministers, M. de Freycinet, has been elected to the office of President of the Republic, and will remain in office until the next election.

SPAIN.
The Spanish Government has announced that the Council of Ministers, on the 27th inst., have decided to stop the sale of Cuban property, and that consequently the importation of goods from Cuba is prohibited.
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CO-MERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.
The market for sugar is quiet, and sales limited. Prices nominal. Bacon steady—stock getting low.

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH.
London, Friday Night.
A rise in the rate of discount in the Bank of France, and another fall of 1/2 per cent in the French funds.

Arrival of the Persia.
The steamship Persia arrived at Liverpool this morning, and brings Liverpool dates to October 4.

LIVERPOOL MARKETS.
The arrivals of breadstuffs for the week are liberal.
Wheat in reduced stock, and with light prospective arrivals. There has been a good demand and full prices paid for choice qualities.

From the Leader, Wednesday.
The greatest fire that has visited the eastern portion of this city for some time, broke out about a quarter to two o'clock, p.m., yesterday, in the cooper's shop owned by Mr. O'Brien, at the rear of Brophy's tavern, King Street. The alarm having been given, the engines were promptly on the spot, but despite the utmost exertions of the firemen, the fire spread on all sides, and soon the block bounded by King, Front, Princess, and Caroline Streets, was in a blaze.

Collision on the Great Western Railroad.
The London Prototype contains the following particulars of the late dreadful collision on the Great Western Railway, "Thursday October 3rd—"

From reliable information that we have gleaned, it appears that the mail arrived at London about its usual time, but that a cattle and freight train, from the west, was forty minutes behind time. It is the rule of the Company that all freight trains shall keep clear of the mail and passenger train; therefore it was supposed by the conductor of the latter that the road was free. He started accordingly, but Mr. Mauby, the night station master, and James Doyle, the watchman at the Talbot Street gate, both cautioned the conductor. The watchman stated that he thought he heard the cattle train on the track. The watchman at the Wellington Street gate heard the approaching whistle, and ran after the mail train but unfortunately was too late, as the latter had sped on its journey. When the mail train was nearly a mile on its way to Windsor, it came in contact with the freight train with great violence, the engines of both being battered and destroyed. Fire was by some means conveyed to the cars, and in a few moments several of them were in a blaze. The number of passengers by the mail train exceeded two hundred and forty, not one of whom were hurt. The injuries sustained by the unfortunate employees of the railroad were—conductor of the mail train, a dislocated shoulder, and several bad bruises; Express Company's messenger, a severe blow on the face, nearly deprived of the sight of one of his eyes, and severely shook; a freeman also got slightly bruised, and the person attending the mails was much contused. The loss of property is immense, and it will be some time before a correct estimate can be formed; the whole of the mails for the United States and Western stations were totally destroyed, amongst which were seven registered letters from London alone. The freight forwarded by the American Express Company, to the amount of over two tons, was also destroyed, four small parcels only being saved. The safe and trunk, containing money and valuables, usually forwarded by this Company, was, however, preserved. The baggage belonging to the passengers was also consumed, portions, doubtless, containing valuable, as from among the debris were picked up the remains of a watch and some gold coins. Being in the still dead silence of night, the sound was most heartrending. A person standing on Ridout Street, near Leonard's foundry, where, across the river and low country, he had a full view of the scene, thus describes it. "The shrieks of the passengers, the heartrending yells and groans of the dying and wounded cattle, the howling of the engines, the cracking of the burning mass from that spot seemed as if the whole of the woodland in that neighbourhood was in a blaze, made the scene more dismal in the extreme. It was certainly most miraculous and providential how, with such a large number of passengers, only a few slight injuries occurred. The cattle, however, fared worse, for between twenty and thirty head were so injured that they had to be killed. Many of them had their limbs broken, and tried to scramble away by dragging their useless and wounded members after them. The force of the collision was so great as to throw

some of the cattle from the cars on the tender of the engine, and there they lay mangled and dying for some time. The carriages and cars destroyed were three connected with the mail train, and five belonging to the cattle. Where the blame rests for the directors to investigate, and for their own honour, and in justice to the public, we trust they will publish it to the world, and at the same time mete out due punishment to the guilty parties. This has been the most serious accident that has occurred on this line since the unfortunate Baptiste Creek tragedy.

Great Fire in Hamilton.
NIXON & EWALD'S WAREHOUSES AND WHAT ENTIRELY DESTROYED. LOSS ABOUT \$120,000.

About two o'clock on Friday morning the extensive warehouses of Messrs. Nixon & Ewald, at the foot of James Street Hamilton, were discovered to be on fire, and such was the combustible nature of the goods in store, and of the buildings themselves, that in one hour afterwards the whole premises were in ruins, and property to the amount of \$120,000, at a rough estimate, was destroyed. It is believed that the fire originated in a lot of waste cotton belonging to the Great Western Railroad Company, which lay just outside the warehouse on the west side. The steamer *Passport* was at the wharf, but not in her usual slip; this was a fortunate circumstance as she was enabled to load off, whereas had she been in the berth she would have been a total loss. As it is, the loss is entirely confined to the frame buildings, the wharf and the goods in store. Through the kindness of Mr. Pringle of the Customs, we are enabled to furnish particulars of these. Mr. James McLarty is probably the heaviest loser; he had in store about \$1,000 worth of tobacco, and \$2,000 worth of tea, all of which is gone, and was uninsured. Messrs. C. & J. Ferris, Mr. V. H. Tisdale, Messrs. Turner, and Mr. Beemer, had all sugar in store, but most of it, if not all, was saved. Mr. J. Macdonald had about \$2,000 worth of French brandy, which was a total loss, and occasioned such intense heat as to make it extremely difficult to save Holcomb & Henderson's Wharf and warehouses. Mr. Sinclair also lost about \$125,000 worth of champagne. D. C. Gurn & Co. had a large lot of locomotive tubes in store, but they may be said to be saved, having been sunk in the water. Messrs. Jasson lost a good many packages of hardware which was covered by insurance.

Fortunately there was no wind at the time or there is no saying where the destruction would have stopped. A little to the westward of the burnt warehouse are two others filled with groceries, which could not possibly have been saved had the wind been from that direction. On the west side are Messrs. Holcomb & Henderson's wharf and warehouse, which we have already said were saved with difficulty, as it was, while a little to the south is a miserable shanty full of gunpowder. Great as the destruction is, it might have been much worse.

Fire in Sutton, Georgia.
SUTTON, Georgia, Oct. 14, 1856.
A fire occurred here on Tuesday morning, at about half-past nine o'clock. It broke out in the Wheelwright shop of William Macleary, which, together with its contents, as also a dwelling house attached thereto, soon fell a prey to the amazing rapidly and intensity of the flames. The fire then destroyed the stabling and shed adjoining Jos. Kiefer's tavern, and were it not for the unwearied and praiseworthy exertions of the villagers and others, the fire would have spread itself would have been but a mass of ashes. The loss occasioned by this melancholy event is as follows:—William Macleary \$400; Joseph Kiefer \$125; John Nolan \$250 in tools; Joseph Sheppard \$20, property in the shop, unfortunately there was no insurance.—Communicated.

News Items.
His Excellency the Governor General landed in Toronto on Thursday morning, from the steamer *Passport*, accompanied by Col. DeRottenburg, Adjutant General, and Lieutenant Colonel Irvine, A. D. C., and was received by a Guard of Honor from the Royal Canadian Rifles.

The Commander of the Forces, Lieutenant General Sir William Eyre, K.C.B., and lately arrived in Toronto on Saturday afternoon, by the Kingston steamer *Magnet*. He was accompanied by his Military Secretary, Col. Thackwell. The General is a tall, commanding looking personage, and appeared in excellent health, as also did Lady Eyre. He was received on landing by a guard of honor, consisting of 100 men of the Royal Canadian Rifles, with the commandant of the garrison, Colonel Bradford.

The Vice Chancellor of England has given orders for the winding up of the Royal Bank. The prospects of all connected with that fraudulent concern are more gloomy than ever.

The citizens of Montreal seem determined that the forthcoming festivities on the opening of the Grand Trunk to this city, shall be on a grand scale. A subscription list was opened in the Exchange on the 9th, when \$10,000 were subscribed in the course of half an hour. \$10,000 will, probably be subscribed.

The locomotives for the Port Hope and Lindsay Railway, are of the largest size, each weighing thirty-five tons. They are remarkable for their strength and beauty of finish.

The ship *Great Britain* arrived at Quebec on the 8th inst., bringing from London 11 Indians belonging to the neighbourhood of Lake St. Clair, who have been on a tour of inspection in the great metropolis. They brought a letter from the Lord Mayor of London to the Mayor of Quebec, in which his Worship of London asks his Worship of Quebec to forward them to their destination. His Quebec Worship on receiving the letter, could only shake his head and say "no funds," so that the children of the forest must grope their way up to St. Clair, as best they can. Twelve Indians embarked in the *Great Britain*, but one died of inflammation of the chest. When he knew he was going to die, he entreated that his body might be buried on land, but being told that his request was impossible, he never spoke again, but cried ugh! ugh! ugh! until he died, when his body was consigned to the deep.

The vote of the people of the County of Peel will be taken on the 27th and 28th instants, to ascertain their views on the re-organization of the County of York.

A serious accident happened on Friday last to a man named Trainor, employed on the Northern Railway as a brakeman in the freight train. His hat had fallen off at Weston, and he was allowed to get off the train, which then proceeded on its way, for the purpose of recovering it. The passenger train, going north, shortly after passed him, and Trainor was discovered lying on the track, insensible, and suffering under severe injuries to his hands, feet and head, besides having an arm broken. He was carried to Toronto and placed in the General Hospital.

A fire occurred in Whitley on Thursday last, which destroyed a number of sheds in rear of Wyall's Hotel, and we regret to say that several horses perished in the flames. The hotel was saved with much difficulty. The fire is said to be the work of an incendiary.

The Toronto Census taken on the 21st of July last, gives a return of 21,001 males and 20,756 females; total, 41,757.

The propeller *Louisville* Capt. Cutler, from Chicago for Ogdensburg, took five when opposite the Marine R. R. above Ogdensburg, Sunday morning last. The serious engineer disconnected it, and threw water on the flames. They managed the pumps, but owing to the excitement of the crew, the pumps broke, and the fire gained on them rapidly. She was then headed to the Canada side, a short distance above Prescott. In spite of the exertions of the firemen, and the hands of the landing boat, assisted by the U.S. mail steamer *Cataraugus*, her upper works were all destroyed. Nothing now remains but the blackened and charred hull. She was loaded with 7,000 lbs. of wheat and 1,000 lbs. of flour, besides a quantity of lumber, wood &c. The crew were all saved. It is said that the insurance on the vessel ran out last week, and had not been renewed.

The boat in which Mr. Talbot and Mr. Cameron made their unfortunate excursion to Sunnyside, was picked up on Tuesday, floating bottom upwards, into Humber Bay. Nothing else was found.

A German has discovered how to extract fine crystal sugar from the birch tree. The secret would be of value to Canada.

We regret to learn that two highly respected farmers, belonging to Markham Township, were lost in the Niagara on Lake Michigan. Their names were John Frieb and George Teasdale.

Three children in Niagara were poisoned lately by eating the seeds and pods of *Strophium*, or thorn apple. It was only by prompt medical assistance that they were saved. This weed which grows so common in neglected enclosures, ought to be eradicated.

The cars pass over the viaduct at Port Hope on Monday at twelve o'clock. The viaduct is 1850 feet long, and its construction was accomplished in a few months. The road between Toronto and Kingston is in excellent order.

The Fall Assizes for the United Counties of York and Peel were opened on Monday, in the Court House at Toronto. The Presiding Judge was the Hon. Mr. Justice Burns; the Associate Judges, Wm. Cawthra, Esq., and the Hon. J. Gordon. G. A. Phillips, Esq., has been entrusted with the management of the Crown business. The total number of cases on the docket amount to 291.

The nomination of candidates for the division of Millie-Isles, C. E., took place on Friday last. There were about 4,000 persons present, four-fifths of whom held up their hands for Mr. Edward Masson the Opposition candidate. The two ministerial candidates, Messrs. Snowdon and D. Masson, divided between them the remaining fifth in about equal proportions.

A coloured man of the name of Rowe, resident at Lynden, near Dundas, had, it appeared, become jealous of the attentions paid to his wife by another coloured man of the name of Thompson, who was a barber with him. Arming himself with a pair of pistols, which report say, he bought for the purpose the same day in Dundas, he proceeded on the above evening to his house, and finding Thompson there in company with his wife, deliberately discharged one of the pistols, at him, the ball grazing his chin, and lodging in the wall. The second pistol Rowe fired at his wife. The discharge entered her lungs and killed her instantly. He then fled across the road into a field, and having loaded his pistols, returned to the fence in front of his dwelling, saying "here I come a bold man," and shot himself through the heart. Coroners McMahon and Mullin having been sent for, the former held an inquest on the body of the wife, and the latter on the body of the husband, the verdict in both cases being in accordance with the above facts. This case is not precisely similar to the Port Hope tragedy, but who can tell how much the sympathy of the press for Biggins may have had to do in influencing this unhappy man to perpetrate this double murder.

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The *Press Belge* contains the following: A large party of about 100 men, in the neighbourhood of Liebach, Styria, had been for some time engaged in the turf, and had been seen to smoke, but little attention was paid to it, but in a few weeks afterwards the flame burst out and burnt with such violence that all the cottages of the peasants which were near the pit were burnt, and had it not been for a violent flood of rain, which fortunately fell at the time, the whole town of Liebach would have been destroyed.

How, indeed, could it be otherwise under so oppressive and tyrannical a system? We shall see what effect the behaviour of the Ambassador has upon King Ferdinand. If none, England and France must necessarily "do without" thinking of further steps, or float affidavits of veracity, or, at least, of going to the aid of the Ambassador, who is a competent lawyer, and an Attorney at Law, and is believed to contain orders to Mr. Breyer to demand his passport. There is talk of an ultimatum to be taken to Naples by a fleet, but this is a more important question, because very interesting and important, and naturally tending to excite a good deal of attention.—Times, Sept. 22.

Refugee of a Refugee.
About a week ago, Michael Gordon Nevins received information that the bark *Passport*, of port No. 24, North River, was being fitted up for the slave trade, and since that time a close watch has been kept on the vessel and the movements of those having charge, by Michael Nevins, of New York, and Helms. It being ascertained that the *Passport* was to sail on Wednesday, the 8th of October, arrangements were made with Capt. Fawcett, of the U. S. Revenue Cutter, *Hawthorn*, to follow her.

At 10 o'clock, yesterday morning, the bark *Passport*, in tow of the steam tug *C. Duran*, started for the coast. The officers aboard named the *Passport* of the revenue cutter, under command of Capt. Fawcett, on board of a steamboat chartered for the purpose. When off Sandy Hook, the *Passport* was boarded by the *Marshall*, who examined the vessel and her papers, and was satisfied of the legality of her intended voyage, and forthwith took possession of her. There was found on board Capt. Taylor, Mr. Mosquito, supercargo, Francis Brown and Andrew Brown, first and second mates, a Mr. De Groot, and a gentleman named Dymally, with his wife and eight children.

The cargo of the bark consisted of lumber, 50 or 60 casks of salt water, a lot of muskets, a large quantity of firewood, about 20 packages of rum, and some cases of dry goods. The hatches have not yet been opened. The parties apprehended will be brought before the Commissioner to-day.

The bark is about 300 tons burthen, and a steam-tugking vessel. Dymally represented themselves as passengers. The former was one of the persons taken from the bark *Passport*, recently condemned as a slave.

He was at that time tried and acquitted. Mr. Dymally says he holds a commission from the British Government as a member of the "Mixed Court." The cargo, giving his name as Charles Howard, was the cargo of the *Passport*. He then gave his name as Louis Brown, and was tried and acquitted. The supercargo, Mr. Mosquito, said after the officers boarded the vessel, attempted to throw overboard a bundle of papers, consisting of letters of instruction as to the voyage and its nature. One of the officers discovered the movement on the part of Mr. Mosquito, and after a short tussle with the gentleman, succeeded in getting him into possession of the papers, in which was included a heavy weight in order to sink them immediately when thrown overboard. The bark was brought up and anchored in Buttermilk channel, near the cutter *Hawthorn*. The parties on board were left in the custody of Captain Fawcett.—New York Tribune.

Collision on the Great Western Railroad.
The London Prototype contains the following particulars of the late dreadful collision on the Great Western Railway, "Thursday October 3rd—"

From reliable information that we have gleaned, it appears that the mail arrived at London about its usual time, but that a cattle and freight train, from the west, was forty minutes behind time. It is the rule of the Company that all freight trains shall keep clear of the mail and passenger train; therefore it was supposed by the conductor of the latter that the road was free. He started accordingly, but Mr. Mauby, the night station master, and James Doyle, the watchman at the Talbot Street gate, both cautioned the conductor. The watchman stated that he thought he heard the cattle train on the track. The watchman at the Wellington Street gate heard the approaching whistle, and ran after the mail train but unfortunately was too late, as the latter had sped on its journey. When the mail train was nearly a mile on its way to Windsor, it came in contact with the freight train with great violence, the engines of both being battered and destroyed. Fire was by some means conveyed to the cars, and in a few moments several of them were in a blaze. The number of passengers by the mail train exceeded two hundred and forty, not one of whom were hurt. The injuries sustained by the unfortunate employees of the railroad were—conductor of the mail train, a dislocated shoulder, and several bad bruises; Express Company's messenger, a severe blow on the face, nearly deprived of the sight of one of his eyes, and severely shook; a freeman also got slightly bruised, and the person attending the mails was much contused. The loss of property is immense, and it will be some time before a correct estimate can be formed; the whole of the mails for the United States and Western stations were totally destroyed, amongst which were seven registered letters from London alone. The freight forwarded by the American Express Company, to the amount of over two tons, was also destroyed, four small parcels only being saved. The safe and trunk, containing money and valuables, usually forwarded by this Company, was, however, preserved. The baggage belonging to the passengers was also consumed, portions, doubtless, containing valuable, as from among the debris were picked up the remains of a watch and some gold coins. Being in the still dead silence of night, the sound was most heartrending. A person standing on Ridout Street, near Leonard's foundry, where, across the river and low country, he had a full view of the scene, thus describes it. "The shrieks of the passengers, the heartrending yells and groans of the dying and wounded cattle, the howling of the engines, the cracking of the burning mass from that spot seemed as if the whole of the woodland in that neighbourhood was in a blaze, made the scene more dismal in the extreme. It was certainly most miraculous and providential how, with such a large number of passengers, only a few slight injuries occurred. The cattle, however, fared worse, for between twenty and thirty head were so injured that they had to be killed. Many of them had their limbs broken, and tried to scramble away by dragging their useless and wounded members after them. The force of the collision was so great as to throw

some of the cattle from the cars on the tender of the engine, and there they lay mangled and dying for some time. The carriages and cars destroyed were three connected with the mail train, and five belonging to the cattle. Where the blame rests for the directors to investigate, and for their own honour, and in justice to the public, we trust they will publish it to the world, and at the same time mete out due punishment to the guilty parties. This has been the most serious accident that has occurred on this line since the unfortunate Baptiste Creek tragedy.

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Fortunately there was no wind at the time or there is no saying where the destruction would have stopped. A little to the westward of the burnt warehouse are two others filled with groceries, which could not possibly have been saved had the wind been from that direction. On the west side are Messrs. Holcomb & Henderson's wharf and warehouse, which we have already said were saved with difficulty, as it was, while a little to the south is a miserable shanty full of gunpowder. Great as the destruction is, it might have been much worse.

Fire in Sutton, Georgia.
SUTTON, Georgia, Oct. 14, 1856.
A fire occurred here on Tuesday morning, at about half-past nine o'clock. It broke out in the Wheelwright shop of William Macleary, which, together with its contents, as also a dwelling house attached thereto, soon fell a prey to the amazing rapidly and intensity of the flames. The fire then destroyed the stabling and shed adjoining Jos. Kiefer's tavern, and were it not for the unwearied and praiseworthy exertions of the villagers and others, the fire would have spread itself would have been but a mass of ashes. The loss occasioned by this melancholy event is as follows:—William Macleary \$400; Joseph Kiefer \$125; John Nolan \$250 in tools; Joseph Sheppard \$20, property in the shop, unfortunately there was no insurance.—Communicated.

News Items.
His Excellency the Governor General landed in Toronto on Thursday morning, from the steamer *Passport*, accompanied by Col. DeRottenburg, Adjutant General, and Lieutenant Colonel Irvine, A. D. C., and was received by a Guard of Honor from the Royal Canadian Rifles.

The Commander of the Forces, Lieutenant General Sir William Eyre, K.C.B., and lately arrived in Toronto on Saturday afternoon, by the Kingston steamer *Magnet*. He was accompanied by his Military Secretary, Col. Thackwell. The General is a tall, commanding looking personage, and appeared in excellent health, as also did Lady Eyre. He was received on landing by a guard of honor, consisting of 100 men of the Royal Canadian Rifles, with the commandant of the garrison, Colonel Bradford.

The Vice Chancellor of England has given orders for the winding up of the Royal Bank. The prospects of all connected with that fraudulent concern are more gloomy than ever.

The citizens of Montreal seem determined that the forthcoming festivities on the opening of the Grand Trunk to this city, shall be on a grand scale. A subscription list was opened in the Exchange on the 9th, when \$10,000 were subscribed in the course of half an hour. \$10,000 will, probably be subscribed.

The locomotives for the Port Hope and Lindsay Railway, are of the largest size, each weighing thirty-five tons. They are remarkable for their strength and beauty of finish.

The ship *Great Britain* arrived at Quebec on the 8th inst., bringing from London 11 Indians belonging to the neighbourhood of Lake St. Clair, who have been on a tour of inspection in the great metropolis. They brought a letter from the Lord Mayor of London to the Mayor of Quebec, in which his Worship of London asks his Worship of Quebec to forward them to their destination. His Quebec Worship on receiving the letter, could only shake his head and say "no funds," so that the children of the forest must grope their way up to St. Clair, as best they can. Twelve Indians embarked in the *Great Britain*, but one died of inflammation of the chest. When he knew he was going to die, he entreated that his body might be buried on land, but being told that his request was impossible, he never spoke again, but cried ugh! ugh! ugh! until he died, when his body was consigned to the deep.

The vote of the people of the County of Peel will be taken on the 27th and 28th instants, to ascertain their views on the re-organization of the County of York.

A serious accident happened on Friday last to a man named Trainor, employed on the Northern Railway as a brakeman in the freight train. His hat had fallen off at Weston, and he was allowed to get off the train, which then proceeded on its way, for the purpose of recovering it. The passenger train, going north, shortly after passed him, and Trainor was discovered lying on the track, insensible, and suffering under severe injuries to his hands, feet and head, besides having an arm broken. He was carried to Toronto and placed in the General Hospital.

A fire occurred in Whitley on Thursday last, which destroyed a number of sheds in rear of Wyall's Hotel, and we regret to say that several horses perished in the flames. The hotel was saved with much difficulty. The fire is said to be the work of an incendiary.

The Toronto Census taken on the 21st of July last, gives a return of 21,001 males and 20,756 females; total, 41,757.

The propeller *Louisville* Capt. Cutler, from Chicago for Ogdensburg, took five when opposite the Marine R. R. above Ogdensburg, Sunday morning last. The serious engineer disconnected it, and threw water on the flames. They managed the pumps, but owing to the excitement of the crew, the pumps broke, and the fire gained on them rapidly. She was then headed to the Canada side, a short distance above Prescott. In spite of the exertions of the firemen, and the hands of the landing boat, assisted by the U.S. mail steamer *Cataraugus*, her upper works were all destroyed. Nothing now remains but the blackened and charred hull. She was loaded with 7,000 lbs. of wheat and 1,000 lbs. of flour, besides a quantity of lumber, wood &c. The crew were all saved. It is said that the insurance on the vessel ran out last week, and had not been renewed.

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A German has discovered how to extract fine crystal sugar from the birch tree. The secret would be of value to Canada.

We regret to learn that two highly respected farmers, belonging to Markham Township, were lost in the Niagara on Lake Michigan. Their names were John Frieb and George Teasdale.

Three children in Niagara were poisoned lately by eating the seeds and pods of *Strophium*, or thorn apple. It was only by prompt medical assistance that they were saved. This weed which grows so common in neglected enclosures, ought to be eradicated.

The cars pass over the viaduct at Port Hope on Monday at twelve o'clock. The viaduct is 1850 feet long, and its construction was accomplished in a few months. The road between Toronto and Kingston is in excellent order.

The Fall Assizes for the United Counties of York and Peel were opened on Monday, in the Court House at Toronto. The Presiding Judge was the Hon. Mr. Justice Burns; the Associate Judges, Wm. Cawthra, Esq., and the Hon. J. Gordon. G. A. Phillips, Esq., has been entrusted with the management of the Crown business. The total number of cases on the docket amount to 291.

The nomination of candidates for the division of Millie-Isles, C. E., took place on Friday last. There were about 4,000 persons present, four-fifths of whom held up their hands for Mr. Edward Masson the Opposition candidate. The two ministerial candidates, Messrs. Snowdon and D. Masson, divided between them the remaining fifth in about equal proportions.

A coloured man of the name of Rowe, resident at Lynden, near Dundas, had, it appeared, become jealous of the attentions paid to his wife by another coloured man of the name of Thompson, who was a barber with him. Arming himself with a pair of pistols, which report say, he bought for the purpose the same day in Dundas, he proceeded on the above evening to his house, and finding Thompson there in company with his wife, deliberately discharged one of the pistols, at him, the ball grazing his chin, and lodging in the wall. The second pistol Rowe fired at his wife. The discharge entered her lungs and killed her instantly. He then fled across the road into a field, and having loaded his pistols, returned to the fence in front of his dwelling, saying "here I come a bold man," and shot himself through the heart. Coroners McMahon and Mullin having been sent for, the former held an inquest on the body of the wife, and the latter on the body of the husband, the verdict in both cases being in accordance with the above facts. This case is not precisely similar to the Port Hope tragedy, but who can tell how much the sympathy of the press for Biggins may have had to do in influencing this unhappy man to perpetrate this double murder.

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The *Blondeur de la Flotte* publishes the return of the casualties experienced by the French Imperial navy during the expedition to the Crimea, the Baltic and the Pacific, in 1854, 1855 and 1856. The ship's crew lost 11 officers and 141 men killed by the enemy's fire, and 39 officers and 3,237 men who died of their wounds from sickness—in all 60 officers and 2,381 men. The total number of officers and men who died of sickness was 31 officers and 3,100 men, and 262 men; and the marine infantry 9 officers and 73 non-commissioned officers, and men killed, and 12 officers and 1,657 non-commissioned officers and men who died of their wounds from sickness—in all 21 officers and 1,130 men. Total, 270 killed and 4,579 dead—in all 4,849.

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Metacholy Accident.
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